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MILITARY RECONSTRUCTION BILL NO. 2.

The Fortieth Congress has given birth to another reconstruction bill. It is intended as a sort of "poor man's planter" to the production of the Thirty-Ninth Congress. Either would be considered a first-class ukase in Russia. Taken together, the reconstruction legislation of the two Congresses neither demonstrates a very clear knowledge of political economy or of comprehensive statesmanship; nor does it partake of that wholesome common sense which animates and characterizes all the people of the United States toward the oppressed of every race. Let our charity begin at home.

Wall's Opera House—The Worrell Sisters.

Large and enthusiastic audiences are assembled nightly to witness the pleasing performances of the Worrell Sisters. There is nothing of the stagey, sensational character about them, but a charming vivacity and natural humor gives zest to their acting, singing and dancing. While it requires much of experience in the arts of the stage, technically called "stage business," to enable the actors who support them to play their parts smoothly, they seem to be acting like children of nature, simply playing, singing and dancing for their own amusement. Take Miss JENNY'S clog dancing, the most finished performance of the kind ever witnessed, and she dances with a natural avidity as well as grace which gives the auditor an impression that she is doing it because she enjoys the exercise and is unconscious almost that any one is looking at her. The audience catch the hearty humor which animates her movements, the contagion spreads, and storms of applause recall her to the front to repeat every one of those delightful measures she has emphasized with those wooden shoes she wears on her marvellous little feet. And so with Miss JENNY'S singing, and likewise Miss SORIN'S. There is a charming naïveté in all they do.

The principal play last night was the "Elves; or, The Statue Bride," in which the versatile powers of the entire troupe have full scope. Their rich dresses and beautiful and expressive faces, their fine singing and fairy-like dancing, are each and all displayed in the shifting scenes, and the attention of the spectators is never diverted from them while they are on the stage. This piece will be repeated to-night, together with the fairy burlesque of "Cinderella," in which the Worrell Sisters and Mr. DONNELLY won so much applause on the first two nights of their engagement.

Executive Session Yesterday.

In executive session of the Senate, yesterday, the following nominations were acted upon, as follows:

CONFIRMED.
J. KNOWLTON, to be Surveyor of the Port of Portland.

GEN. B. FOSK, to be Consul at Paris.

GEN. WOOD, to be Postmaster at Brooklyn, N. Y.

REJECTED.
W. W. LANDER, for Postmaster of Salem, Mass.

NOT ACTED UPON.
GEN. BARTLEY, to be Minister to Stockholm.

GEN. SCULLIVAN, to be Minister to Bogota.

Quite a number of consuls and postmasters were confirmed, but about as many were rejected as were confirmed.

A. H. Burnet at Metzerott Hall.

A. H. BURNETT, the great humorist, who, as an oratorical wit and mimic, stands unrivalled, is giving a series of entertainments at Metzerott Hall, which will serve to beguile the most care-torn mortal into good humor. We have not the slightest doubt that BURNETT could awaken laughter even in a candidate who had been rejected by the Senate.

Important Decision.

A case was recently tried in Worcester, Mass., and a verdict of \$110 given for the plaintiff, who sued the City Marshal for damages for detaining him as a party accused of crime without a warrant. The law as laid down by the court in substance requires that when a party is arrested on suspicion without a warrant (except in cases where new facts exonerate the party from suspicion) a complaint must be made before a magistrate as soon as possible, or the officer responsible for the arrest is liable to be assessed in damages for an unlawful act.

The English Newspaper Press Directory.

It is announced that an English manufacturer has invented a new arrangement of watch movements, by which the full-sized balance wheel of the English whole-plate watch can be carried in the thin, flat style of case so much preferred for convenience. Heretofore this style of case has been to some extent incompatible with perfection of structure and durability.

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THE INSECT AND THE MICROSCOPE.

A FABLE.

A tiny insect was captured by a savant and placed in a microscope, which magnified objects several thousand times, and the learned man proceeded to explain to his pupils in a lecture the peculiarities of the insect. He described him as a wonderful creature, whose relative strength was such that if a man or beast possessed muscular powers proportionally great he could overcome all of his species that might be arrayed against him, and could move weights so ponderous that the strongest machines are now required to lift them. The students were allowed to look in the microscope, and each was filled with wonder at the appearance of the insect under its magnifying power.

After the lesson was finished, the insect was released and went his way, but he immediately began to reflect upon the description given of him and the praises bestowed on him by the wondering pupils. He soon imagined that he was as large as he had appeared to the scholars; began to see himself as others saw him through the magnifying glass. Doubting not his power, the vain insect now resolved to go forth and slay all the tribes of insects around him, partly to gratify his ambition and partly from motives of revenge. Accordingly he sallied out, and having made a conquest of a few feeble ephemera, he kept boldly on his way until he encountered a beetle. The beetle was clad in a coat of mail yellowish upon the back, orange colored at the edges, and asure green upon the breast and belly. The small insect assailed him straightway, but the beetle thinking the collision had been accidental, walked on in pursuit of his own proper business. The fierce insect now commanded him to halt and defend himself, and the beetle, with great surprise, saw the little creature preparing to dash against him. With a calm contempt he prepared to receive the attack.

He elevated his antennae, expanded his pincers, and when the furious insect made the onset he seized him in those strong forceps with which beetles are armed and pinched him in halves!

Do not estimate your own powers by the praises that may be bestowed on you by others, or the descriptions given of you by parties who are studying you for amusement or as a subject whereby to illustrate some theory or principle; for you may thus be led into enterprises which will bring you to grief or to utter destruction.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE WORKS OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE EDMUND BURKE. Revised edition. Vol. IX. Boston: LITTLE, BROWN & CO., 1866. Washington: FRANK TATLOR.

This work, already so well known and so popular, is progressing towards completion as rapidly as possible. The volume before us is like those that have gone before, from the Cambridge press, is clearly printed in good-sized type, on excellent paper, and neatly bound in cloth. The contents of this volume are peculiarly interesting at this time, inasmuch as it contains "Articles of Charge of High Crimes and Misdemeanors against Warren Hastings, Esq., late Governor General of Bengal, presented to the House of Commons in April and May, 1786. Articles VII.—XXII."

"Speeches in the impeachment of Warren Hastings, Esq., late Governor General of Bengal." Also, "Speech in Opening the Impeachment—First Day, Friday, February 15, 1788; Second Day, Saturday, February 16, 1788."

THE WORKS OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE EDMUND BURKE. Revised edition. Vol. IX. Boston: LITTLE, BROWN & CO., 1867. Washington: FRANK TATLOR.

This volume, printed and bound in the manner described in the notice of Vol. IX., above, has also been received from the Boston publishers through FRANK TATLOR, bookseller and publisher of this city. Its contents are as follows:

"Speeches in the impeachment of Warren Hastings, Esq., late Governor General of Bengal. Speech in opening the impeachment—third day and fourth day. Speech on the sixth article of the charge—first, second, third and fourth days."

There are not two volumes embraced in British history that contain so much valuable and instructive reading to the American student at this time as those referred to above. They do not cover the whole of the impeachment of HASTINGS, but we presume that volume X. soon to appear, will complete all the matter on that subject. After the assiduous labor of seven years, with EDMUND BURKE (not an ABBOT!) as leader, all the efforts to impeach HASTINGS proved a failure. Let us take heed.

AMERICAN LEAVES. Familiar Notes of Thought.

LIFE BY FRANK TATLOR. New York: HARPER & BROTHERS. Washington: PHILIP & SOLOMONS.

This is a 12mo cloth volume of 350 pages, and beveled edges. It is a collection of fifteen papers that have, in substance, appeared in *Harper's Monthly Magazine*. Some of them are carefully written and would not stand the test of severe criticism. A few of the papers are quite readable.

SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS A YEAR. A Wife's Effort at Living on High Prices.

TICKNER & FIELD. Washington: FRANK & RICHARDSON.

This is a very neatly printed and bound little volume of 185 pages, giving the experience of a wife who tried to live on six hundred dollars a year, being the amount of income expressed by Congress from taxation for the expense of the war.

RECOLLECTIONS OF HENRY WATKINS ALLEN.

BRIGADIER GENERAL CONFEDERATE ARMY AND EX-GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA. BY SARAH A. DORSEY. New York: Published by M. DUDLEY. For sale in Washington by FRANK & RICHARDSON.

This is a 12mo volume of 420 pages, neatly bound and printed, and is not only a biographical sketch of a rebel General Allen, but it abounds with Union soldiers and the Union cause, and is a defense of treason against the Government.

AFLOAT IN THE FOREST, OR, A VOYAGE.

MONG THE TREE-TOPS. BY CAPTAIN MAX RAY, author of the "Desert Home." Boston: Tickner & Fields. Washington: FRANK & RICHARDSON.

This is a handsome 12mo volume, and the story is thrillingly interesting for young people. It was originally written for "Our Young Folks" in 1865, and was one of the stories which contributed to make that work so popular.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WISHES, the late

Prof. John H. Alexander, of Littleton, was buried at midnight. As the clock struck one, in the midst of a peeling hail storm, the coffin, elegantly draped in black cloth, with handsome silver mountings, was lowered in the vault in the presence of a large number of his male friends, who accompanied him to the grave. The scene at the burial was of an exceedingly solemn character—the intense darkness, the late hour, the lurid torches, illuminating the faces of the attendants, the solemn ritual for the dead—all adding to the impressive and sensational effect.

THE PAIR were at Worcester, Mass., last

Saturday night.

Pen, Pencil and Scissors.

Ohio will erect marble statues of both

President Harrison and General McPherson.

A YOUNG LADY must make a hit if she dislikes to be a mis.—*Louisville Journal*.

A CANADIAN practical joker has been annoying Kingston people by painting the Fenian coat-of-arms on their fences.

Why is Admiral Farragut like the Venus Aphrodite? Answer.—Because he rose from the sea.

A FIRM in Cincinnati advertised a few days since for a porter, and had 300 applications within the next 24 hours.

A BARREL of Southern flour will make twenty pounds more bread than a barrel of Illinois flour.

WHEN Mr. Peabody returns to England he will report to his friends there that he was a Tip-top slasher in the United States Senate.

A YOUNG MAN named F. Whiting was killed in the breast by a horse at a circus in Portsmouth, Va., on Monday night, and died from its effects.

A FREDERICKSBURG correspondent of the New York Herald mentions a meeting of negroes in that city, at which the radical doctrines of H. M. Hunt were denounced by a colored orator.

A LETTER was received at our city post-office yesterday with the following address: "Corn Kneel you to Smith, Richmond, Virginia." *Richmond Dispatch*.

GEN. SCHIÖFELD has suspended the municipal election at Fredericksburg. It is probable that he will do the same all over the State, and the old officers will hold over.

CONGRESS begins to exhibit signs of coming dissolution. The House adjourned yesterday after a session of thirty minutes. We shall part from Congress with emotion.

A GENTLEMAN New Yorker, recently married, whose trowsers were exposed to the inspection of the newspaper reporters, had twenty-four pairs of shoes to match twenty-four different dresses.

A PARLIAMENTARY RETURN just issued states that the duty on race horses in England last year was \$3,424, being an increase of \$678 on the preceding year.

THE Nova Scotia Parliament met on Saturday. The Governor's speech congratulates the House upon the prosperous and peaceful condition of the Province and the success of the confederation amendment. A lively session is anticipated.

It is reported that the body of Louis Fox, the great billiard player, who has been missing for several weeks, was found a few days since in the rear of some empty barrels in the cellar of the court-house at Rochester, N. Y.

A HUNTER at Searcy, Ark., had killed a deer recently, and was engaged in skinning it, when a pack of wolves attacked and killed him, and nearly devoured his body before his condition was discovered.

A WIDOW LADY, sitting by a cheerful fire, in a meditative mood, shortly after her husband's decease, sighed out: "Poor fellow, how he did like a good fire! I hope he has gone where they keep good fires!"

It was reported at the Capitol yesterday that Senator Wilson would, in pursuance of his term, introduce a resolution to remove Vinnie Ream's studio from the Capitol to prevent members from "getting on a bust" there.

MR. SENATOR WILSON wants the Government to take charge of the bounty due the negro soldiers, because they have not come enough to take care of it themselves. He then wants the negroes to take charge of the Government.—*Exchange*.

"The bears have 'conquered' the weather out in Minnesota. On Wednesday the mercury was down to 25 degrees below zero in St. Paul. Winter is lingering in the lap of spring up that way, with a vengeance."

By foreign advices we learn that the Emperor of Austria has "dissolved the Bohemian Diet." The diet of bohemians in New York is crackers and cheese and sausage, and we are curious to know what solvent the Emperor uses.

The Italian journals announce that M. Girolamo Seola, proprietor of the celebrated Villa del Galatini, near Lecce, on the Lake of Coma, and possessor of an immense fortune, has just blown out his brains. As he had much money he had little brains.

In 1827 Capt. Perry placed at School Point, in Spitzbergen, (a depot of mail,) some beef in tin boxes, and when taken to Stockholm and eaten recently, having been found in a perfect state of preservation.

POINT and pith of the prayers delivered in Congress of late.—"O Lord, Thou knowest that the majority is always right and the minority wrong; bless the majority and curse the minority, and Thou shalt have our good opinion and thanks."—*Boston Post*.

Two boxes of specie containing \$10,000 belonging to the Rothschilds were stolen from the hold of a steamer in the Thames recently. It is the mystery of the river, and naturally, all the people along Wapping and Raddiff Highway feel great sympathy with the Rothschilds.

A BAD accident occurred at the paper mill in North Leominster, Mass., on the 12th. Mr. John Heath, a young man 22 years of age, fell into a vat of hot water, being completely immersed to his chin. He was so badly scalded that he died in about twelve hours.

A MICROSCOPE has been manufactured in London which "magnifies three thousand diameters with its lowest eyepiece, and fifteen thousand diameters with its highest, so that objects as small as appear one billion five hundred and seventy-five million times larger than they really are."

A GENTLEMAN in Boston, who professes that his name should not be known, has given \$100,000 to found a Theological School (Episcopal) at Cambridge. E. S. Rand, Esq., Hon. R. C. Winthrop and Judge J. P. Putnam are appointed trustees for the fund.

The Missouri Democratic State Central Committee publishes a request that the Democracy of the several congressional districts of this State will appoint delegates to the National Democratic Convention, to be held at Louisville, Ky., on the 7th day of May.

The Bangor *Whip* says silver and copper ores have been recently discovered in Pleasanton county, Me., which promise to prove of great richness, both as regards quality and quantity. The ore found are "Argentine Galena," and Sulphuret of Copper and Copper Pyrites—masses of which have been removed from the top of the vein, weighing three to four hundred pounds.

A FREDMAN living near Riceville, Va., had a quarrel with his wife, when he deliberately took his little son, aged ten years, and threw him by his head on a nail. The body was then chopped into the woods as a prey for wild beasts and the fowls of the air, and the diabolical deed kept secret until a few days ago, when it was accidentally discovered.

GREAT suffering exists at Mount City, Ill., in consequence of the inundation of that town. The citizens of Cairo sent up a boat with provisions and fifteen hundred dollars in money for the sufferers, which was justly received. The trains on the Illinois Central railroad run through water up to a foot deep for a distance of three hundred yards at Mount City Junction, but the levees are still firm.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON a man named Christopher Keenan was instantly killed in a bat fight in Northard street, New York, by being drawn

over the shaft of the machinery, to which he was attending. His body was horribly mangled.

An Imperial steam transport has just arrived at France from Mexico, and will deliver a small detachment of troops and twelve millions of dollars in treasure. Napoleon was evidently determined not to leave Mexico as empty-handed as he went there. The mines have been attended to as well as the interest of Maximilian.

J. C. PARKER, Post Office News Stand, sends us "Godey's Lady's Book" for April, filled, as usual, with matters of interest to the ladies, including Godey's fashion plate for April, also, that popular magazine, "Dread's Monthly," containing chapters thirteen and fourteen of the interesting story entitled "Who was he?"

IT IS VERY EASY to find fault with banks for making as large dividends as circumstances allow, but as their present relations to the General Government were forced upon them by the Government they cannot be reasonably blamed for fostering their own interests to the extent of their power, while faithfully fulfilling all their obligations to the Government.

THE King of Persia once ordered his vizier to make out a list of all the people in his dominions. He did so, and put his Majesty's name at the head of the list. The King asked him why, to which he immediately answered: "Because you entrusted a list of people to men you don't know to buy horses for you a thousand miles off, and who'll never come back." "Ay, but suppose they come back?" "Then I shall erase your name and insert theirs."

ESOPH B. HUTTON, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, died suddenly at the City Hotel, Annapolis, Sunday.

ANIMAL S. KNAPP, desiring to go to her long sleep, took a dose of laudanum at her home in New York, last week, and quietly ended her earthly career.

DAVID WATSON, a lad five years old, was accidentally shot by a negro boy, near Wilson, N. C., recently, and died in five minutes.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON has been lecturing in Kansas, and one of the papers there says he "contains much research."

New Hampshire.

We have returns from all but fourteen towns, as follows:

Counties.	1867.	1866.
Bellevue	5,717	4,823
Belmont	3,456	2,531
Bellows Falls	1,913	2,219
Berlin	4,542	4,707
Billerica	6,551	5,016
Bloomfield	1,173	1,292
Burlington	1,920	1,666
Canterbury	4,472	4,570
Concord	1,221	1,359
Total	39,234	31,884

The remaining 14 towns last year gave 29,747, and this year 30,419. The Legislature thus favors Republicans, 179 Democrats, 101. Towns not reported, last year elected 27 Republicans and 21 Democrats. If they elect as last year, the Republican majority will be about 84. Abner C. Darnah, of Merrimack, has been a Republican, but the correspondence of these days has been to the Legislature by Democratic votes mainly, and was pledged to vote for Sinclair, if the Legislature had to make choice. James E. Odell, Representative of Stratham, was elected by both parties, and is claimed by both.

Mexico.

A letter from D. Alvarez to Consul Godoy, of San Francisco, dated Cuernavaca, Feb. 18, says:

"Maximilian left the City of Mexico with Marquez and two thousand men, and must now be near to where from six to eight thousand traitors are assembled. Escobedo is marching with twelve thousand men in order to attack them on the way. He will incorporate this army with the forces of Generals Regules, Anasco, Antillon, and other officers, amounting to thirty thousand men. It is my opinion that in one month or more the so-called empire will have terminated forever. I give you my congratulations on such favorable news, and recommend that you give it to your friends."

General Herron, the Imperialist commanding the City of Mexico, has addressed a proposition to General Lisco, the Republican commander of Cuernavaca, to surrender the city to the Liberal forces. The Liberals are in peaceful possession of Acapulco.

The United States steamer Seward left today to cruise in the Southern Pacific.

DEVISING THE SCROGGER.—The Milwaukee

Wisconsin notices a remarkable case in which a bullet passed into the brain of a man who yet lives in apparently good health. It appears that Ole Skrogger, a Norwegian, about 17 years of age, a private of company K, 24 Wisconsin infantry, was wounded in the head by a rifle ball on the 21st of July, 1861, just as he was entering the battle of Bull Run. He was taken prisoner and carried to Richmond, and there attended by Dr. James M. Lewis, the surgeon of his regiment, who had also been captured.

Lewis and several rebel doctors decided that any attempt to remove the ball, which had plainly lodged in the brain, would end fatally, and therefore contented themselves with dressing the wound, which soon healed up, although it would not intervene and discharge a good deal of offensive matter. After a year's imprisonment the man was exchanged, went home and to work on a farm, where he seemed to get entirely well. A year afterwards he re-entered, served during the remainder of the war, and is to-day on his farm, hale and hearty, with every prospect of a long life before him, and feeling no further ill effects from the bullet in his brain than an occasional headache.

PHILIP FRANCIS THOMAS, the now Maryland Senator, chosen to fill the vacancy caused by Governor SWANSON'S declination of that position, is a native of Talbot county, Md., having been born there in 1810. He was educated at Dickinson College, and after graduation studied law, being admitted to practice in 1831. In 1836, he was chosen a member of the State Constitutional Convention, and in 1839, was elected a representative in Congress. In 1841, he became Judge of the Land Office Court of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and in 1843 and 1845, was again elected to the Legislature. In 1847, he was Democratic nominee for Governor of Maryland, and was elected by a decided majority, and in 1852 was appointed by President Pierce as Collector of the port at Baltimore. In 1860, he was Commissioner of the Patent Office, and in December of that year succeeded Howell Cobb as Secretary of the Treasury in President Buchanan's Cabinet. Mr. Thomas is an eloquent speaker and a man of legal ability.

AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT from the War Department informs Congress and the public that in the amount pay and allowances of all kinds of the different officers of the army. We give a few of them: Gen. Grant, \$18,120; Lieut. Gen. Sherman, \$14,814; Maj. Gen. Halleck, \$7,717; Maj. Gen. Meade, \$7,717; Maj. Gen. Sheridan, \$7,717; Maj. Gen. Thomas, \$7,717; Brig. Gen. McDowell, \$5,517; Brig. Gen. Hovey, \$5,517; Col. Smith, \$4,500; Lieutenant Colonels, \$3,994; Majors, \$3,765; Captains, \$3,049; First Lieutenants, \$2,713; and Second Lieutenants, \$2,653.

TELEGRAMS.

[BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

FROM EUROPE BY CABLE.

ALL QUIET IN IRELAND.

ENGLAND'S FEARS SUBSIDING.

EXTENSION OF THE FRANCHISE.

SINKING OF A STEAMBOAT.

SEVENTY-FIVE PERSONS DROWNED.

EXCITEMENT IN CANADA.

THE MARKETS.

News by Cable.

DUBLIN, March 17.—Fears that the Fenians would attempt another general rising to-day have not been realized. Dispatches from all parts of Ireland report the country quiet. Frequent arrests were made by the police in disaffected districts.

LIVERPOOL, March 17.—No disturbance was created here to-day by the Fenians, as was feared, and the city is entirely tranquil.

LONDON, March 17.—The steamship Mississippi, from New York, arrived here this morning, and after landing her passengers and mails, proceeded on her voyage to Bremen.

LONDON, March 17.—The reform bill which is to be brought into Parliament by the Government to-morrow will give the right of suffrage to rate-paying householders, after two years' residence; to men paying one pound yearly taxes, or having thirty pounds in a savings bank, or fifty pounds in the funds, and to all members of the learned professions and graduates of the universities. The bill also provides for a fifteen-pounds franchise in the counties.